

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	758		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	24 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	3 killed, 7 injured		
Incident Date	27 NOV 2016		
Location	Al Hawi, Syria IVO (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>November 27th 2016: حاي قرية Hawi village, زيبان Zeban town or vicinity, Deir Ezzor</p> <p>Summary: A Coalition raid on oil infrastructure at Hawi in the Zebain area killed three civilians, according to multiple reports. The Coalition later confirmed the incident. According to Deir Ezzor 24 and others, those killed died when oil burners (primitive refineries) were targeted. Syria News Desk reported that "international coalition planes launched raids on primitive refineries at an oil refinery east of the village of Zeban controlled by IS killing three civilians and wounding seven others, as well as burning four refineries completely."</p> <p>On January 3rd 2017 the Coalition announced that an event at 'Omar Gasp' was under investigation. While publicly listed for November 24th, officials confirmed to Airwars that this was in fact a November 27th event at the Omar Gas and Oil Supply Point.</p> <p>On March 4th the Coalition announced: "Nov. 27, 2016, near Dayr Az Zayr, Syria, via self-report: During a strike on ISIS oil tanker trucks it was assessed that three civilians were killed. After warning shots were fired to dislodge drivers from the vehicles a number of the trucks scattered. Three of the trucks were subsequently engaged, destroyed, and their drivers presumed killed. The other vehicles in the area were abandoned after the warning shots were fired and subsequently destroyed with no assessed civilian casualties."</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 3</p> <p>Civilians reported injured: 7</p> <p>Sources: Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Deir Ezzor 24 [Arabic] [Archived], Smart News [Arabic] [Archived], Radio Al Kul (1) [Arabic] [Archived], Radio Al Kul (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Deir Ezzor 24 (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Coalition monthly civilian casualty report (January 2017), Coalition civilian casualty report (February 2017), Coalition monthly civcas report (March 2017),</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: "CONFIRMED CIVILIAN CASUALTY EVENT " per Airwars</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <p>a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO.</p> <p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. HAWI village</p> <p>AND</p>		

	<p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 27 NOV 2016 If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a a) General Day, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO</p> <p>If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.</p> <p>4.a. Is the allegation from a single source (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? NO If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? YES If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? YES I.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hour; does it provide enough information to determine a neighborhood, landmark, or other way to where the alleged incident occurred within a .5km radius? If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. NO. There were no strikes IVO of Al Hawi IVO (b)(1) 4a between 25-27 NOV 2016. There were strikes approximately 50 miles that match the description of the allegation located to the SE of Dayr Az Zayr IVO (b)(1) 1.4a</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident:</p> <p>2 Location:</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes:</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	

Decision	Closed at IA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	<div>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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